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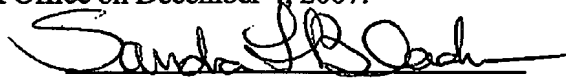
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In reply to the Office Action dated November 27, 2007, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 22 of this paper.

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